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## U.S. 'shocked' over marine casualties

By WOLF BLITZER  
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WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration yesterday remained in a continued state of uncertainty, stunned by the first direct combat loss of two U.S. marines in Lebanon. The prospect of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resignation added to the uncertainty.

President Ronald Reagan, who is on holiday at his ranch near Santa Barbara, was informed of the marines' death about one hour after the incident by National Security Adviser William Clark. Reagan expressed "profound sorrow" at the news.

The administration was deeply aroused by the death of the marines serving in the multi-national peacekeeping force in Lebanon. There were immediate calls from a handful of senators and congressmen for the U.S. to pull its troops out of Lebanon, but White House spokesman Larry Speakes insisted the administration has no such intention.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said yesterday that the mortar fire that killed the marines and wounded eight others in Lebanon "appears to have been directed at the Lebanese armed forces positions."

Weinberger's remark corroborated information Marine Corps headquarters received from its officers with the 1,200-man amphibious unit on peacekeeping duty near Beirut International Airport.

Capt. Jay Farrar, a marine spokesman, said the marine officers sent word that they believe the mortar rounds fell short of their intended targets "and were not directed" at U.S. forces.

"The marines have been working with them (the Lebanese troops) and it is known that the positions have been very close together," Weinberger said at the Pentagon.

At the same time, Weinberger suggested the incident was the sort of episode that made U.S. military leaders reluctant to commit American troops to a peacekeeping role in the Lebanese civil war.

"The fighting that we've worried about is starting to break out and we want to quell it as quickly as possible," Weinberger said.

"There is a ceasefire in effect now and we want to make sure that it holds," he added.

The defence secretary said Lebanese troops "are starting a sweep of the area where most of the firing came from."

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg also insisted there is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Treasury to pursue budget cuts—Sadan

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Political crisis or not, the Treasury's desired cut of IS\$5 billion in the state budget will continue to be pursued, Finance Ministry Director-General Ezra Sadan yesterday told economics reporters in Jerusalem.

He said that although some items in the austerity agenda require politically sensitive legislation, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor could probably get around this obstacle. The two possibilities, Sadan suggested, are executive orders almost paralleling the desired legislation, or replacement of the law-dependent measures with alternative revenue-raising moves that could easily be implemented by executive orders.

Despite Sadan's optimism, it was felt in economic circles that the chances of at least three measures being implemented by the Knesset have definitely been diminished. These are taxation of child benefits, increasing National Insurance Institute contributions by self-employed persons and inauguration of a "school use permit" payable by families with children enrolled in schools.

Sadan noted that the bulk of the austerity programme — the agreed-upon cuts in individual government ministries — has already been launched, and expressed the hope that the ancillary economy and revenue-raising measures would also proceed as outlined.

However, he admitted that advancing the elections would make it harder for the Treasury to steer the economy through its current crisis.

Two economic experts — Professors Eitan Berglas and Pibbas Susman — were called in by the Treasury yesterday for consultations in light of problems that could arise as a result of the political turmoil over Prime Minister Menachem Begin's possible resignation.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Nurses Union yesterday announced they would oppose any moves within the framework of the Health Ministry budget cuts that would reduce hospital nursing staffs.

## Begin non-committal to pleas from coalition to stay in office



Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir gets some non-political grooming at Marcel's on Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Street before coalition consultations on the prime minister's planned resignation. (Yehiam Gal)

## Alignment weighs options, holds to wait-and-see course

By MARK SEGAL  
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment leadership yesterday continued its wait-and-see posture regarding the possible resignation of Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Party leaders resolved not to take any formal stand unless Begin actually makes the trip to Beit Hanassi.

The normally argumentative members of the senior party forums yesterday presented an unusually united front behind the leadership of Labour chairman Shimon Peres.

There was a diversity of views, though, in the Alignment political committee, as to whether the party really has a chance of forming a government if Begin goes through with his resignation. There were

also different opinions as to whether it is in the party's long-term interest to form such a coalition.

A number of Alignment leaders take the position that, in the event Begin does step down, it would be in the party's best interests for a Likud-led coalition to have to grapple with the manifold problems left by the present government in the period leading up to the next election.

The call for a national unity government, emanating from the National Religious Party is unlikely to elicit a response from the Alignment leadership.

The general feeling among Alignment members was that, even if he retracts his resignation threat, the "end of the Begin era" has begun. In a related development, the Labour Party yesterday blasted Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Meir Rosenne for saying the Likud and the Alignment do not differ much on foreign policy. Rosenne had (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

**Post Political Staff**  
Prime Minister Menachem Begin kept his coalition colleagues guessing all day yesterday as to whether or not he still intended to resign.

Morning, afternoon and evening, he sat with a generally expressionless face, in his bureau and later at his residence, listening to the supplications of associates and colleagues that he stay at the helm.

But the 48 hours of national bewilderment are likely to come to an end this morning, when the prime minister finally makes up his mind.

If, having kept the coalition on tenterhooks with the resignation announcement which he never explained, Begin agrees to serve further, he will probably demand that coalition heads flesh out the abject promises of future good behaviour which they uttered in their efforts to make him reconsider.

One of Begin's closest associates said last night: "The chances of Begin staying on are 50-50."

Ministers and coalition heads spoke with Begin for two hours at his bureau yesterday morning beseeching him to think again. Afterwards, the premier's spokesman, Uri Porat, said: "He promised to postpone his final decision until this evening, or at the latest, tomorrow (Tuesday) morning." Porat told reporters: "Everything is open."

He summed up the pressure on the prime minister succinctly: "The arguments he heard were very, very persuasive. The past, the present and the future of the State of Israel were discussed."

Porat said: "He could have said immediately — that is his decision. But the fact that he asked for a little more time shows that maybe he might change his mind one way or another."

"At the cabinet meeting he did not announce his resignation, but his intention to resign, so he was neither determined to resign yesterday nor this morning."

Porat ignored the provision in Paragraph 23 of the Basic Law: Government, that a prime minister must announce his intention to his cabinet before he hands his resignation letter to the president.

Begin met with the coalition executive for two hours, during which all the participants asked him to reconsider his decision. Among

those appealing to the prime minister to change his mind were Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and Tami leader Aharon Abutzeira.

The meeting was chaired by MK Avraham Shapira, who reminded Begin that the Hebrew month of Elul is the month of supplication.

The impassioned tone of the supplicants was summed up by Deputy Premier David Levy to reporters outside the Prime Minister's Office. Levy said: "The appeal was emotional and sincere and contained tremendous faith in Menachem Begin's leadership. Everyone came with but one entreaty."

If Begin calls off his resignation, observers suggested, he will either treat Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan as the "black sheep" of the cabinet, or expect his coalition colleagues to bring about Uzan's resignation — a step which he is committed to take by his own statements of late.

Observers insist that Begin has acquired an intense dislike for Uzan's recent campaign of pressure, mounted to further his Tami Party's aims, and destructive personal attacks.

If Begin insists on resigning, however, the painful choice facing the coalition, between a reshuffle or early elections will keep the political scene in agitation for some time.

A reshuffle entails Herut selecting a prime minister-designate, likely to be either Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir or Levy. The pendulum of speculation swung back and forth between these two yesterday, manipulated by the pressure groups backing each politician.

Whereas Shamir was plugged as wiser, maturer, less controversial, more respected, and more highly regarded overseas, Levy was put over as a better vote-getter among the masses which traditionally flock to Herut, and a man more likely to build a national consensus.

Reporters who talked to Herut MKs yesterday found that Levy had more than twice as much support as Shamir.

However, since the Herut central committee — and not the parliamentary faction — will decide on the number one position, the Knesset poll had limited relevance.

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor called on Begin yesterday to make a point, not as a Liberal MK but as the Speaker of the (Continued on back page)

## 2 U.S. marines die as worst fighting in year racks Beirut

BEIRUT. — Two U.S. marines were among at least 16 people killed yesterday as Beirut erupted in the worst street fighting since last year's Israeli siege.

Well-armed Shi'ite Moslem gunmen, largely underground for the past year, took to the streets of West Beirut and captured a major station of the state-run television after a night and day of scattered battles reminiscent of the 1975-76 civil war.

On several state channels the fighters showed a still photograph of their missing spiritual leader, Imam Musa Sadr, who disappeared in unexplained circumstances five years ago.

Masked gunmen from the Amal (Hope) militia controlled large sections of the mainly-Moslem side of the capital by early evening and set up roadblocks.

Heavy automatic rifle, machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire at sunset kept people off the streets, which were deserted except for long queues outside bakeries, as residents rushed to stock up in expectation of continuing conflict.

The emergence of the Shi'ite militiamen in busy West Beirut followed a day of heavy artillery, mortar and smaller arms fire between Shi'ites and the Lebanese army around Beirut airport, with marines caught in the crossfire.

As the shooting and shellfire engulfed Beirut, the marines loosed off with artillery and a rocket from a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



Two U.S. marines yesterday react to the death of two of their comrades in clashes in the southern suburbs of Beirut. (UPI telephoto)

## McFarlane expected to seek further delay in IDF pullout

Post Diplomatic Staff

One day before the scheduled start of the Israel Defence Forces' redeployment in Lebanon, U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane is expected to ask Prime Minister Menachem Begin to postpone it once again.

It was thought in Jerusalem last night that McFarlane was bringing with him a special message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to that effect.

Political circles in Jerusalem believe the envoy will try to persuade Begin this morning to delay the redeployment for a limited period in light of the chance that

now exists of an agreement being reached between Druse and Christians in Lebanon that would prevent a bloodbath between them on the heels of Israel's withdrawal to new lines.

The assessment of political circles in the capital last night was that it would be very difficult for Begin to grant the request for a further delay.

It was recalled that Defence Minister Moshe Arens has announced on several occasions that the IDF's redeployment in Lebanon is not conditional on an agreement being reached between warring Druse and Christians there.

## Demonstrations continue, but the crowds dwindle

By MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The number of demonstrators imploring Prime Minister Menachem Begin not to resign dwindled yesterday as the uncertainty over the premier's plan increased.

Only a few hundred people were outside the Prime Minister's Office after his meeting with coalition leaders in the morning. They cheered the ministers and coalition members as they left the meeting and gave a louder cheer for Begin himself, who emerged smiling.

Outside Begin's house on Jerusalem's Rehov Balfour there were only a few dozen demonstrators until the early evening, compared to the 1,000 there Sunday night. But their numbers swelled to about 500 after news

reports indicated that Begin might, after all, change his mind.

The young Herut members in the demonstration were all smiling, and started their chants as soon as a TV camera from one of the many crews at the scene was aimed in their direction.

The demonstrators against the war in Lebanon, who have maintained a constant vigil outside Begin's house for the past few months, kept up their position about 100 metres down the street.

Early yesterday morning pro-Begin demonstrators tore up the peace demonstrators' placards marking the 517 soldiers killed in the war in Lebanon. New placards were put up, and the three anti-war protesters kept up their running arguments with passersby.

## Shultz to meet Gromyko in Madrid

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Madrid next week, the State Department said yesterday.

Shultz and Gromyko are to be in Madrid for a foreign ministers' meeting linked to the three-year-old Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is close to adjournment. Malta has blocked the signing of a final document at the conference, but the ministers are expected to unofficially endorse the main points resolved so far at the meeting.

Alan Romberg, State Department

deputy spokesman, said he could not discuss the agenda for the meeting with Gromyko. "Obviously there is a lot to discuss with the Soviets," he said.

Shultz also is scheduled to meet with Gromyko in New York during meetings of the UN General Assembly in late September or early October.

There has been speculation that the two foreign ministers would use the Madrid meeting to discuss the possibility of a summit meeting next year between US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Yuri Andropov.

## Kohl's visit tomorrow still on

BONN (UTA). — In spite of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's announced intention to resign, both Jerusalem and Bonn seem decided to go ahead with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to Israel scheduled for tomorrow.

The Israeli Embassy here said that nothing has been changed in respect to the visit, and that no new instructions were received from Jerusalem.

A Bonn government spokesman said Israel did not inform West Germany of any changes. He refused to comment on the Begin announcement.

Chancellor Kohl has received a detailed briefing on recent political developments in Israel.

In Jerusalem, preparations for the visit continued unabated. Municipality workers yesterday took down the Liberian flags that had adorned the entrance to the city and replaced them with the black, yellow and red flag of the German Democratic Republic.

A communications centre for journalists — including 85 newsmen and photographers expected to arrive today from Germany — has been set up in the Hilton Hotel, and two floors at the King David Hotel have been cleared of guests.

The force of some 1,200 police organized to guarantee the chancellor's security is said to be ready for any eventuality.

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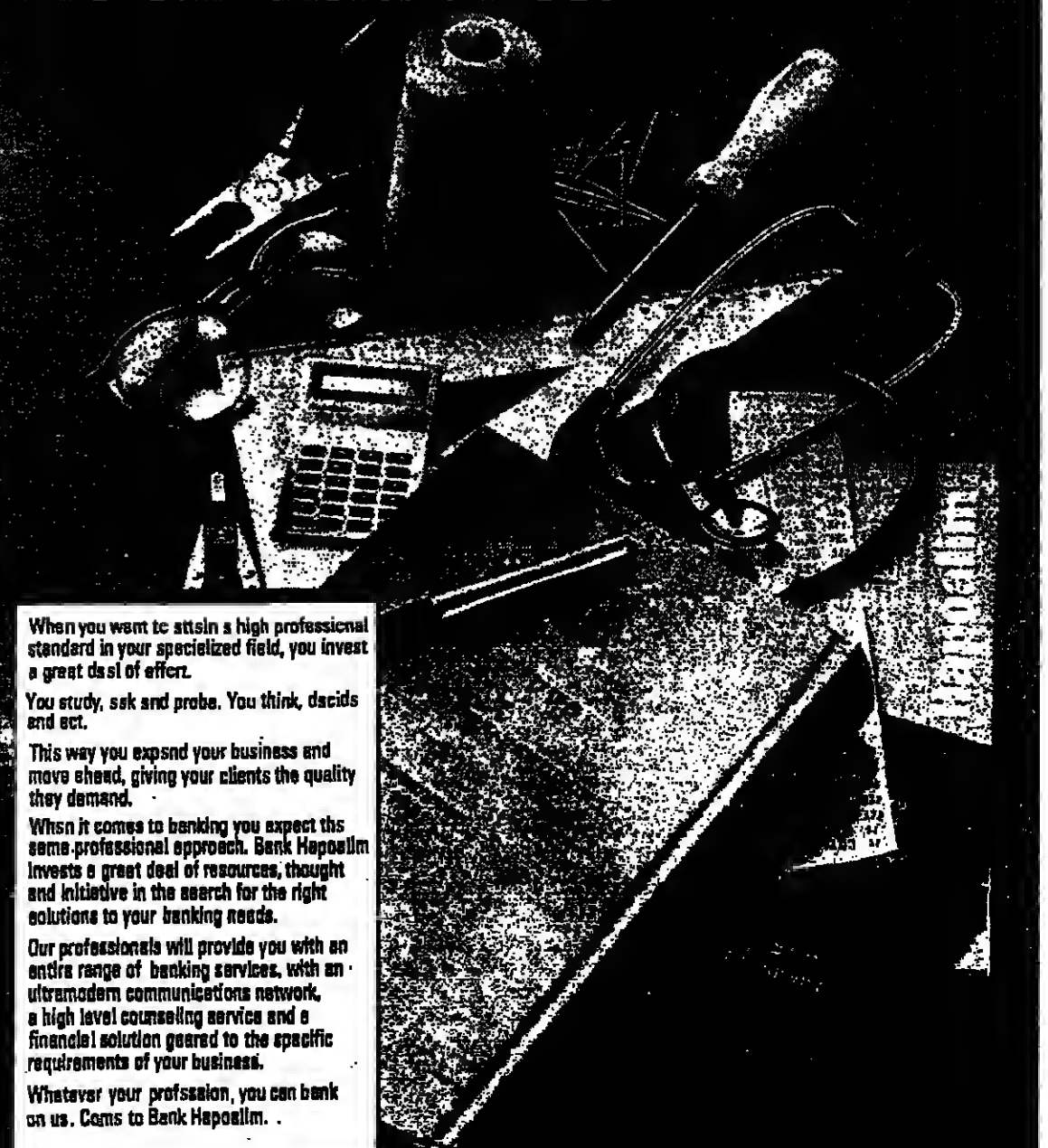
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## DEPARTURES

Deputy Minister of Agriculture Pessach Grupper, to Puerto Rico to sign an agricultural agreement.

## Englander, HU Dental School founder, at 75

TEANECK, New Jersey (AP). — Dr. Jacob Englander, dentist to many show business stars and a co-founder of the Hadassah University Dental School in Jerusalem, has died at age 75.

Englander, who died Friday, practised in New York City for 30 years.

A forest of 300 trees was planted in Israel earlier this year by family members and friends in honour of Englander's 75th birthday.

## ALIGNMENT

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made his comments in an interview on ABC Television on Sunday.

A statement issued by Labour's Reactions Committee said the ambassador had overstepped his competency in commenting on party politics and, moreover, he was mistaken.

There is a consensus on certain issues, Labour conceded, but there is a bitter argument between the Likud and the Alignment over many substantial issues. It cited, for example, the Alignment's opposition to the Likud's goals in the West Bank and Gaza. The Alignment also opposed most of the steps taken during the war in Lebanon, the statement noted.

## Work at Ansar reveals tunnels

Jerusalem Post Reporter METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces have been engaged during the past weeks in improving security and safety precautions at the Ansar detention camp in South Lebanon. Living conditions for prisoners are also being improved before the winter.

During the recent building work, a number of escape tunnels, some of them almost complete — were discovered.

Some 3,000 prisoners were moved from one section of the camp while rebuilding work proceeded. They are soon to be moved back from their temporary quarters. The newly refurbished camp will have stone walls, as well as barbed wire, and new tents pitched over asphalt bases.

## Computer to register victims of Holocaust

Yad Vashem's Hall of Names is installing a computer to store the names of Jews killed in the Holocaust, the Murty's and Heroes' Remembrance Authority has announced.

The computer will ease the searching for names already on file and the registering of new ones, the executive said in a statement. The Hall of Names, which has so far recorded about three million names, will be closed until further notice while the computer is installed.

## NEWS BACKGROUND/Michael Eilan

## Future unclear for local politics

Postponing municipal elections until a date set for early Knesset elections — possibly next spring — could seriously erode the small measure of independence local politics have won from national affairs in the last five years.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's plans to resign have placed in jeopardy the carefully planned campaigns of candidates and parties in the country's cities, towns and local authorities. The organizers of these campaigns do not know whether these elections will be held on the planned date, October 25, or postponed until Knesset elections several months later, or whether the local campaigns will serve as a preview of the more dramatic national voting.

A great deal of energy, money and time has been devoted to planning local campaigns that concentrate mainly on the particular problems confronting each city and local authority.

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said on Sunday, after trying to dissuade Begin from resigning, that he believes the local elections should be postponed until a national ballot.

The local elections were originally planned to take place one year ago, but were postponed. Another delay and the intrusion of national

affairs into local campaigns could turn the clock back to May 1977 — the last time national and local elections were held on the same day.

Since then, the Knesset passed the law that split the local council vote into two ballots — one vote for party representation on the local council and another personal vote for mayor or council chairman. This split was put into effect in the last local elections five years ago and has already had a significant effect on the nature of local election campaigns.

Many of the mayors elected in the separate ballot in November 1978 have been chafing at the party bit. They were elected because of their personal popularity and this led to a new assertiveness against the party line.

Mayors such as Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, Shlomo Lahat of Tel Aviv, Eliyahu Navi of Beersheba and Hananiah Giststein of Rishon LeZion often found the interests of their own community were at odds with the plans of the party that backed them — be it the Likud or Labour.

The new assertiveness of the incumbent mayors meant that their campaign strategies started to concentrate more on local issues and less on the merits of the party that backed them. The incumbents'

challengers have had — by and large — to conform to this norm and address local issues, lest they be branded as rhetoricians who do not confront the real problems of their communities.

It also was easier to shed some of the shackles of national politics in local campaigns, because the elections were held on a different date.

Technically, joining the two votes together poses several severe problems for those organizing the local election campaigns. A great deal of money has already been spent devising slogans and advertisements in local campaigns. These might have to change if the vote is held in the spring.

The parties have also spent a lot of money on renting offices for campaign headquarters, telephone lines, printing equipment and salaries. All of this money will largely go down the drain if the elections are postponed.

Finally, the purely local campaigns might have a manpower problem if the local and Knesset elections are held at the same time. If public interest were to be focused on the high stakes of a national campaign, the local branches might have a problem finding the volunteers they rely upon to do so much of the campaign work.

## U.S. officials feel Begin really wants to quit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

WASHINGTON. — State Department officials are increasingly convinced that Prime Minister Menachem Begin is sincere in his desire to leave office. They cited his deteriorating physical and emotional health as the major factor.

White House and State Department officials were, of course, wondering about the possible impact that Begin's resignation would have on Israeli policy. It has been an open secret here in recent months that the Reagan administration is more comfortable with the positions expressed by the opposition Labour Alignment, although U.S. officials are under no illusions that positions taken by a new — and initially very weak — Labour-led coalition would necessarily dovetail with those of Washington.

The New York Times quoted senior Reagan administration officials as saying that if Begin does resign, "it would help American peace efforts in the Middle East."

Several U.S. officials, insisting they not be identified, said any of

the likely successors to Begin would be easier to deal with than the prime minister, who is here felt to have a combative, argumentative and stubborn personality.

However, some State Department officials, all of whom insisted on anonymity, agreed there would probably be little change in policy regarding the West Bank if Begin resigns, particularly since they expect Begin's Likud bloc to remain in power.

The Washington Post said that among the possible Likud leaders who might emerge as an eventual successor to Begin, the administration would prefer Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said Sunday that Begin's resignation would not significantly alter U.S.-Israeli relations.

"I think the basic interrelationships between our country and Israel are overwhelmingly based on mutual concerns and mutual interests," Carter said in a radio interview in Atlanta, Georgia. "And of course Prime Minister Begin will have a major voice in his party's affairs in the future, even

though he's not prime minister."

In Vail, Colorado, former U.S. President Gerald Ford said Sunday that he hopes Begin's successor would work more assertively for peace.

In other reactions, The Times of London said in an editorial, "The Reagan administration has now abandoned any serious effort to persuade Israel to keep the West Bank available as a Palestinian homeland. No such effort can now be expected before the U.S. presidential election in November, 1984, and by then so many Israelis will be living in the West Bank that no Israeli government is likely to contemplate withdrawing from it. Mr. Begin can afford to retire, for it no longer makes any immediate difference who his successor is."

In its editorial on the resignation, The Daily Express said: "Mr. Begin has taught everyone that no one threatens Israel with impunity. That is not a recipe for popularity. But Begin has never sought international acclaim. He will be content with the benediction: We do not like you, Mr. Begin, but we respect what you have achieved for your homeland."

## BEIRUT FIGHTING

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Cobra helicopter gunship to silence the gunners, a U.S. spokesman said.

Col. T.J. Geraghty, 45, of St. Louis, Mo., ordered his 1,200 man force into action after Amal gunmen poured mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire on marine positions at Beirut International Airport.

The marines went to their highest state of alert — Condition One — after rockets began falling near their compound around 6:30 a.m. from Shi'ite strongholds in the Bourj al-Barajneh and Hay al-Salloum districts of south Beirut.

Within hours shells were falling at the rate of three or four a minute, sending marines scurrying into earthen bunkers.

## Kidnapped girl said 'being tortured'

ROME (AP). — A letter purportedly from Emanuela Orlandi said she is being tortured with "hot irons" by the captors who have held her for more than two months, the Italian news agency AGI reported yesterday.

The agency said the letter was received by Gennaro Egido, a lawyer representing the family of the Vatican employee's daughter who disappeared June 22 from downtown Rome.

Pope John Paul II has made eight

Marines began returning fire with 155mm. howitzers, 81mm. mortars and Cobra gunships at approximately 11:55 a.m. on the numerous concerned positions that had been firing at them, an officer said.

"The marines continued to fire for approximately 40 minutes and have effectively suppressed rockets and mortars that were firing on us," he added.

Warrant Officer Charles Rowe, another marine spokesman, said the marines fired on militia batteries and avoided populated areas.

State radio said the marines also fired on and silenced artillery and rocket positions in the Khalde and Aramoun hills manned by Druse militias of Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party. (Reuter, AP)

## Soviet violinist found dead in Spain

MADRID (Reuter). — The leader of the touring Soviet Radio and Television Symphonic Orchestra has been found dead after a weekend concert in the northern Spanish city of Gijon, Soviet Embassy officials said yesterday.

The daily El Pais quoted police sources as saying Boris Korsakov, a violinist, had been found hanging from a belt in his hotel room on Saturday night, but the embassy would not comment on the cause of his death.

El Pais said some reports indicated Korsakov had attempted to ask for political asylum after a previous concert in Barcelona, but police there said they were not aware of any such move.

## Chinese-Japanese film wins Montreal prize

MONTREAL (AP). — The Go Masters, the first Chinese-Japanese coproduction ever made, was awarded the Grand Prize of the Americas on Sunday as the best film in official competition in the seventh Montreal World Film Festival.

The Go Masters, made to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the restoration of Sino-Japanese relations, is about an epic game of Go — a board game of territorial possession resembling checkers — that is being played between a Chinese and Japanese champion. The game is interrupted by war, marriage and separations, but is finally finished 30 years later.



NOT A BARBER SHOP QUARTET, but the four Agudat Yisrael Knesset members (from left) Menachem Porush, Avraham Shapira, Shlomo Lorincz and Shmuel Halpert talking to the news media yesterday morning on leaving the Prime Minister's Office where they had attempted to persuade Mr. Begin not to resign. (Rahamim Israeli)

## No joy on West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reactions to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's announced resignation were hardly exuberant in the West Bank yesterday.

Even such well-known moderates as Bethlehem Mayor Elias Friej expressed doubts that a change in personalities at the top of the political establishment would result in any change in Israeli policy in the territories.

The biggest circulation newspaper in East Jerusalem, Al-Quds, wrote yesterday that Begin's greatest failure was to reject both U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace initiative and the earlier Saudi peace initiative.

Begin's leadership resulted in greater extremism in Israeli public opinion, and the peace with Egypt, wrote the newspaper, was at the expense of Lebanon and the Palestinians.

Ibrahim Daen, secretary of the banned National Guidance Committee, said that Begin's decision to resign is a symptom of the ongoing crisis in Israel, and that the crisis would continue until there was a "basic change" in Israel's policy toward the Palestinians.

## Egypt's concern is peace, not premier

CAIRO. — Egypt is concerned more with Israel's Middle East peace policy than with the person of its prime minister, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said yesterday.

Ghali was commenting on reports about Prime Minister Menachem Begin's declared intention to resign. "Egypt does not prefer any person to another," he said. "The important thing is a strong administration, with the will and capability to carry on with the peace process."

Leading Arab newspapers said yesterday that the intended resignation of the Israeli prime minister might help to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Beirut's daily An-Nahar said the Begin government had endeavored to block U.S. Middle East policy, especially in Lebanon, and that any new administration in Israel would move closer to Washington. In Qatar, the newspaper Al-Rayaz urged the Arabs to "seize this golden opportunity" and try to score some goals.

## U.S., Israel blast opening of UN Palestine conference

GENEVA (Reuter). — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar yesterday opened the UN conference on Palestine, amid denunciations of the meeting by the U.S. and Israel, which are boycotting the sessions.

Washington said the UN was being exploited for an "ill-considered purpose, which does nothing for the cause of peace or indeed the Palestinian people."

In a statement issued only minutes before Perez de Cuellar addressed the delegates from nearly 100 countries, Washington said the main purpose of the conference "is to provide political benefits to the PLO and furnish them with a platform for one-sided judgments about the Arab-Israeli controversy."

Israel said earlier the 10-day meeting would be an exercise in futility and the \$6 million it will cost the UN would be money squandered.

Israel's permanent ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Ovadia Soffer, said Israel is boycotting the 10-day conference because "the UN is dominated by a tyrannical majority."

Soffer, an Iraqi-born Jew, said he was glad most western countries had decided only to send observers. "I hope they are silent observers," he added.

Much of Geneva was turned into an armed camp for the conference. While helicopters swooped overhead, Swiss troops manned sandbagged machine gun emplacements.

ments around the Palais des Nations, the UN's European headquarters and site of the conference. The building was defended by armoured personnel carriers and five kms. of barbed wire.

At Geneva airport, military vehicles are stationed along the runway and soldiers with submachine guns watch the airline parking area.

Switzerland, an unwilling host to the conference, has mobilized some 3,000 troops and police in its biggest peacetime security operation. Because of an agreement with the UN, the Swiss authorities could not refuse to act as host. France and Austria had declined to do so, for security reasons.

In his speech, the secretary-general said the world is no nearer a solution to the Palestine issue than it was 36 years ago, when the UN first addressed itself to the problem.

A message from PLO head Yasser Arafat read by a Palestinian delegate, said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's initiative "complicated the problem still further and undermined the cause of peace."

It said Washington "backed Israeli aggression and occupation of Arab lands in defiance of General Assembly resolutions."

The delegation of the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace, headed by UNi Awnery and Aluf (res.) Matti Peled, published a communiqué expressing disappointment with Arafat's statement.

## IDF to defer service for technical students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting this school year, any pupil who has graduated from a technical high school will receive a service deferment from the Israel Defence Forces if he continues his studies for a technician or junior engineer degree, the Education

Ministry announced yesterday.

The ministry said it recently reached agreement with the IDF to defer conscription of those studying to be technicians and junior engineers in light of the growing need for soldiers trained at that level.

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The marriage took place on August 28, in Brewster, New York.



# IDF doctors use hypnosis to treat shell-shock

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A new method of treating shell-shock with the aid of hypnosis and "suggestion," which was applied by the Israel Defence Forces to the Lebanon war, was described at the international congress of the Israel and European Societies of Hypnosis in Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine, which opened at Rambam Hospital yesterday.

About 250 psychologists, psychiatrists, physicians and dentists, 150 of them from abroad, are attending the week-long meeting.

Drs. A. Levy and M. Neuman of Tel Aviv University Medical School described how, taking a lesson from the Yom Kippur War, doctors this time treated some affected soldiers at a military installation set up just behind the front and not in hospital or rest homes.

Uniforms, military discipline, time-tables and rifle fire made for a realistic atmosphere, and made it possible for the soldiers to be treated and returned to their units within 24 to 32 hours. The atmosphere avoided the post-

treatment complications of "getting away from it."

Under hypnosis it is also possible to rationalize the soldier's guilt feeling about surviving while a comrade was killed and instill in him the feeling that he did the right thing by at least saving himself.

Israel has a vast store of experience in treating shell-shock. Dr. Raffy Carasso, chairman of the Israel Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis and of the congress's scientific board, told *The Jerusalem Post*. Hypnotic techniques for treatment were first used in the Yom Kippur War by special psychiatric units set up for the purpose. They returned the men to their traumatic experience by controlled hypnosis, releasing safety valves and rebuilding their defence mechanisms.

Carasso stressed that hypnosis is only a tool in treatment, but the results have shown that it is one of the successful methods of short term psychotherapy, affecting cure in two or three treatments rather than in the months or years needed in group therapy.

Dr. Jerome Birkhan, anesthetist at Rambam Hospital, said that while it may be possible to operate on patients in hypnosis without the use of anesthetics, this would be a waste of the method. To overcome operative pains would entail a deep trance, while anesthetics are now so far developed that this is unnecessary. But hypnosis could be of great help in overcoming the stress of pre- and post-operative fears, and should be used for these.

Birkhan also believes that people can be taught mild self-hypnotism — which he prefers to call relaxation — in order to reduce the stress of daily life, which might even help in reducing road accidents.

Asked why hypnosis is not more commonly used if it could be as beneficial as the congress suggests, the practitioners said it has not yet become "respectable" in the medical profession and also there are not enough specialists to train practitioners. Finally, it can only be used when the patient agrees to cooperate, as it is impossible to hypnotize anybody against his will.

## Jordan visits to be easier for West Bankers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A major bureaucratic obstacle is to be cleared from the path of West Bank Arabs intending to visit Jordan, beginning Thursday, when they will be able to go directly to the Jordan River crossings and receive the appropriate Israeli authorizations there.

Hitherto they had to approach the civil administration offices nearest their homes, which often involved a wait of several days.

Civil administration chief Shlomo Iliya announced the move barely a week after Defence Minister Moshe Arens opened what he called a "dialogue" with leading West Bank moderates.

In one of those meetings, with Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, the issue of bureaucratic obstacles for visits by West Bank residents to Jordan was raised.

Iliya said "that the discussions between Arens and the West Bank officials" were "appreciated by both sides."

The civil administrator also indicated yesterday that in the near future, one of several cities now run by army-appointed Israelis would be returned to the rule of local residents.

## Moshav group affirms principle of cooperation

The Tenuat Hamoshavim council, meeting yesterday and on Sunday in Moshav Kfar Hagallil, reaffirmed the central importance of the cooperative principle, which underlies the coexistence of the moshav, in marketing, export and mutual aid.

The council expressed its view that to weather the difficulties now besetting the cooperative agricultural sector, organization, production and education in the movement must be strengthened.

The council also passed a resolution affirming the importance of developing and strengthening settlements in areas vital for national security and in keeping with national objectives — in the Jordan Rift Valley, the Golan Heights, the Arava, the Eshkol region in the western Negev and Galilee.

**VENEREAL DISEASE.** — As of yesterday, Texans who know they have gonorrhea or syphilis and expose someone else to their disease are committing a crime, punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

## Haifa mayor asks for re-zoning inquiry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday said that, at his request, the attorney-general and the state comptroller are investigating allegations of mismanagement by city hall officials over their handling of a land dispute.

He told reporters he had asked for the inquiry to give those involved an opportunity to explain their actions. He would await the findings before deciding what steps to take.

Gurel was responding to calls by the Shinui Party for a police investigation of all city hall officials who were involved in the re-zoning of a plot of land in the Danya quarter from private to public use, without the owner's consent.

The 81-year-old owner fought a 12-year legal battle for the restitution of his rights. He finally appealed to the High Court of Justice, which found in his favour. The court was highly critical of the municipality's handling of the case. It found that some officials had lied in saying that the owner had offered an alternative plot of land in return for his agreement to the re-zoning of his land.

The mayor said he had known nothing of the affair until he read a press report of the hearing on July 29. He had since censured the municipality's chief engineer and legal adviser for not informing him of what was happening. He finally decided to ask the attorney-general and the state comptroller to make a full investigation.

Gurel accused his political opponents of exploiting the affair for their own ends. "If anybody really wanted to make constructive suggestions they could have come to me or members of the council, rather than going straight to the press with their demands," he said.

## Vintners win injunction on table grapes

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered Prime Minister Menachem Begin — in his capacity of acting Agriculture Minister — to show cause why he should not cancel an order to the country's vintners not to use table grapes for the manufacture of wine.

The applicants — WST of Netanya, manufacturers of Stock, Martell of Petah Tikva, Eliezer of Binyamina and Ashkelon Wines — say the order issued by the prime minister favours Carmel Mizrahi of Zichron Ya'acov, the country's largest vintner.

They say that Carmel will now be able to sell them wine grapes at inflated prices. They further argue that they have been making wine from table grapes for years and that their equipment is adapted to this.

The state attorney's counsel, Miriam Rubinstein, denied that the vintners' equipment is unsuitable for processing wine grapes. She maintained that the use of table grapes for making wine caused an artificial surplus of wine grapes and "broke the market" of the wine grape growers. Furthermore wine made from table grapes is of inferior quality and unsuitable for export, she said. (lim).

## TA police to help pupils cross streets Thursday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hundreds of police officers and policemen are to take to the streets Thursday to help tens of thousands of schoolchildren cross streets safely at the opening of the new school year.

Extra police cars are to patrol the city to enforce traffic laws and scores of policemen, helped by volunteers of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents are to be posted at pedestrian crossings near schools to stop traffic and enable children to cross from 7 to 8 a.m. and from noon to 1 p.m.

The central district police plans a special campaign to supervise traffic during the first days of the school year, with policemen distributing pamphlets to drivers, pedestrians, bicycle riders and schoolchildren.

## Abandoned newborn found on pile of straw

BEERSHEBA (lim).

— A one-day-old baby was discovered yesterday on a pile of straw in Tel Sheva, a Beduin village near Beersheba.

The find was discovered by a resident of the village on his way to work in the morning, and was taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

The police are investigating.

## CORRECTION

A news story last Friday on a pre-trial hearing of Jay Aloysius Garrow, the suspect in the Ein Kerem murder of two nuns, referred to a witness, Corrine Van der Palas, as "his ex-girlfriend."

The *Jerusalem Post* has been informed that they were no more than casual acquaintances.

## August pay for Magen David Adom staff looks doubtful

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite intensive efforts during the past week by Magen David Adom to collect some of the many millions of shekels owed the emergency medical organization for services rendered, MDA is still not able to pay its 800 workers their August salaries, due this Thursday.

This was the conclusion drawn at a five-hour meeting of the MDA executive committee on Sunday night, which was devoted almost exclusively to a discussion of the MDA's financial plight.

A Health Ministry representative told the executive committee that

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak had already issued instructions that MDA was to be given first priority for payments, when the ministry received money from the Treasury. But since the ministry is still waiting for the money to flow in, this promise, while helpful, will not offer much immediate help for MDA's problems, an MDA official noted.

"Even if we somehow manage to come up with the \$540 million we need for this month's wage bill, our cash-flow problems won't be solved. The problem is a structural one: We must extend our services immediately, but payment for these services can take up to six months,"

the official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

"And we're not in a business enterprise which can say 'okay, we'll stop doing this or that because we don't have the money.' Our services are a matter of life or death," he said.

Despite this, a special committee was set up on Sunday to seek ways to extract MDA from its economic difficulties. Among the possibilities under consideration is "taking steps" against bodies which owe the organization large sums of money, including the cutoff of mobile intensive-care-unit services in areas with large outstanding debts.

The MDA executive also decided to delay the opening of two new centres for mobile ICUs that were scheduled to go into operation this year in Hadera and Beersheba. "We'll just have to wait until next year. We don't have the money to operate them," another official said.

Meanwhile, the staff committee is "very concerned" about the possibility of not being paid, especially on the eve of the High Holidays. In a letter sent to all workers, to Shostak, to the Histadrut and to the MDA management, the staff committee warned action will be taken, if the salaries are not paid.

## Weizmann professor devises safeguard for software

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Software programme piracy has become the scourge of computer industries the world over. However, Weizmann Institute of Science mathematician Professor Adi Shamir may have come up with the answer to this space-age affliction.

Last year, software programme production in the U.S. alone generated over \$1 billion in sales — a figure expected to leap to \$5b. within five years. As personal home and business computers become increasingly popular, a market is burgeoning for software diskettes — computer programmes inside pieces

of plastic shaped like 45 rpm records. But, as happened earlier with record albums and videotapes, programme piracy based on inexpensive blank diskettes has become a popular pastime with computer hobbyists. In addition, programme rentals by independent outlets contribute to financial losses already estimated at an annual half-a-billion dollars. This not only forces small companies out of business, but results in higher consumer costs. Attempts to develop a pirate-proof system have so far failed everywhere, leading specialists to suspect that a solution may never be found.

Prof. Shamir advocates modification of the disc drives used by software companies so that the drive will produce marginal strength pulses in selected locations in the programme. These pulses manifest themselves by non-deterministic behaviour, i.e., sometimes they are read as an 0 and sometimes as a 1. While home computers are designed to read weak pulses, and thus use the programmes, they are not equipped to introduce these weak pulses into re-recordings. Thus, any attempt to copy the original diskette will eliminate the weak pulses and will be detectable. Should this situation be detected by

the computer, it will refuse to run. The same technique may also be employed to limit the number of times that rented diskettes can be used. Each time a programme is run, the user's disc drive will override a block of weak pulses with standard pulses of its own. Each overridden block can be considered as a "coupon" which has been used up, and the number of runs is limited by the original number of the "coupons" on the diskette. The rental company can thus charge users per run, rather than on a flat rate basis — the latter currently employed system being inherently unfair.

## Traffic offender jailed

A Jerusalem driver yesterday was sentenced to 45 days in jail, had his driver's licence revoked for five years and was slapped with a \$10,000 fine in Jerusalem Magistrates Court for a series of traffic offences committed earlier in the month.

While overtaking a lane of traffic in the Makor Baruch quarter, a car driven by David Abbas of Silwan, struck a car travelling in the opposite direction. Abbas refused to identify himself to the driver of the other vehicle and did not report the accident to the police.

It was later discovered that at the time of the accident, Abbas was driving with an invalidated driver's licence and without insurance.

The sentence was given by Judge Moshe Ravid. (lim)

## IS200,000 stolen from Acre man's bag

ACRE (lim). — A local resident yesterday complained to police that \$200,000 in cash and documents were stolen from a bag belonging to him in the train station here.

Police arrested a suspect based on the description of other people in the train station, but neither the money nor the documents have been recovered.

**COMMUNITY.** — The 60-year-old Yeshurun Synagogue in central Jerusalem will house a new community centre, focussing on activities for youth and for the encouragement of immigration from western countries. The centre is a project of the local (Orthodox) Young Israel and its U.S. counterpart.

## New interest rates for bank account overdrafts

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — New interest rates on the overdrafts of employees whose salaries are deposited in their bank accounts automatically each month were published yesterday.

For overdrafts up to \$8,000, the annual interest rate will be 98 per cent, but since this rate is compounded quarterly, the effective rate can reach 140 per cent.

On overdrafts above \$8,000, the annual interest rate will be 158 per cent, but again, due to compounding, the effective rate can reach 279 per cent.

The new rates take effect on September 1.

## 'Fetus transfer' operation poses problems

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Fetus transfers" — from a donor womb to a recipient womb — are coming into fashion among women who cannot conceive normally. Prof. David Serr, head of gynecology and obstetrics at Sheba Hospital, said here yesterday.

"So far, only a few cases, all in the U.S., have been reported, and although they apparently present fewer problems than 'test-tube babies' — of which more than a 100 have already been born — they present complicated legal and religious problems."

After the donor is impregnated by artificial insemination with the husband's sperm and after she "carries" the fetus for three days, it is transferred to the man's wife.

Who is the real mother? The one who conceived the fetus in her womb, or the one who receives the three-day old fetus and carries it for nine months?

The genes are from the husband and the donor; but the wife carries the fetus for nine months and nourishes it. The only thing certain is that the recipient womb does not reject the transferred fetus.

Discussions on all aspects of this new technique are to be held at the 15th Congress of the Society for the Study of Pathophysiology of Pregnancy — Organozation Gestotia, which is to convene in Jerusalem September 11-16. Some 450 participants, including 150 of the world's leaders in this field, are expected from 27 countries, including East Europe, Egypt and Lebanon.

**DONATION.** — Valuable art books and reproductions of rare paintings, drawings and graphics have been donated to the Haifa Municipality's Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art by the Japanese Foreign Office. The recent presentation was presided over by Japanese Ambassador Harunori Kaya.

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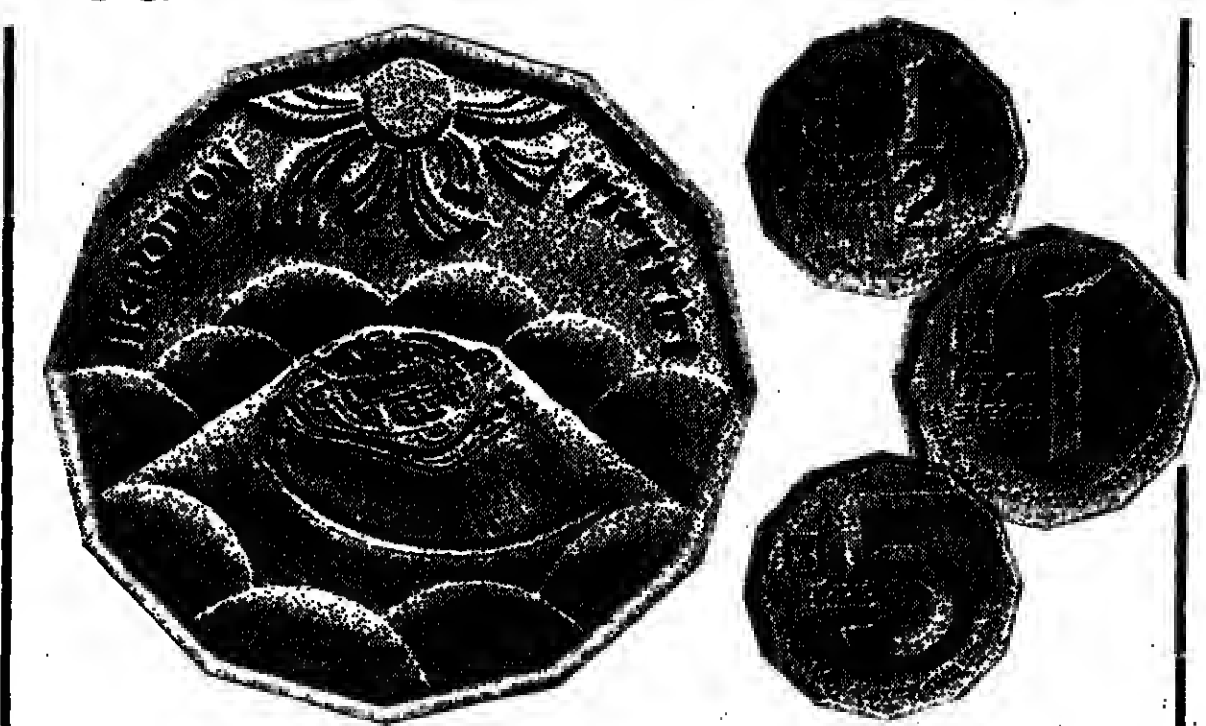
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Studies in devastation

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE ONLY artist till now who has drawn the devastation in Lebanon is Ed Smith, a 60-year-old American-born resident of London who likes adventure.

Smith covered the war in Bangladesh, the Yom Kippur War, an earthquake in Yugoslavia and other action-packed situations, but he said his trip to Beirut was the most dangerous adventure he has had so far. "An unexploded bomb went off about 500 yards from me when I was drawing to the Beirut stadium," he said. "I could have just as easily been where the bomb went off, since I had intended to draw that side of the stadium anyway."

He also managed to be at the corner near the Commodore Hotel when a car bomb prematurely exploded there, killing the terrorists who were preparing it.

"At night, I would go to the movies with a friend, and there was always tension. The movie theatres were relatively empty because people were afraid of bombs there. It wasn't a good idea to be out on foot after midnight if you weren't a Lebanese; there were too many trigger-happy Lebanese police and soldiers around who would shoot first and ask questions later."

Smith made 200 drawings in Beirut; they are studies of the business section which he described as "the most damaged quarter I have seen since the Second World War"; the stadium (complete with burnt-out Syrian tanks and a smashed-up PLO Red Crescent ambulance); the Holiday Inn "which looked like someone with smallpox, with bullet holes from top to bottom"; and other quarters. He will now return to London, and turn these drawings into large paintings (mostly water colours and pastels) which he will exhibit there. "People will not buy war photographs, but they do buy war paintings," he explained, citing works by Rembrandt, Goya and others.

IN ADDITION to the proceeds from his paintings, Smith hopes the exhibition will secure him a commission for his next adventure. (This trip to Beirut was the first time he had to pay his own way, and it left him broke.) He is hoping, for instance, that Oxfam (the Oxford Famine Relief Organization) will send him to cover the famine in East Africa.

"In Israel, artists did beautiful work in documenting the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War, but I did not see any Yugoslav artists drawing the Montenegro earthquake, or any Lebanese artists with sketch pads in Beirut. It is history, and I think someone should document these things beyond photographs. Until I get too old, and have to settle down, I want to be where the action is happening."

Not afraid to tangle

LISTENING IN... / Ze'ev Schuf

EVERYBODY has said good-bye to Ze'ev Schiff, veteran radio and TV commentator and military correspondent of Ha'aretz. As we understand it, Ze'ev is going on sabbatical to Washington. We will miss him, for his was a sane voice in the wilderness. He is one of the few people who knows what he is talking about, and he is not afraid to tangle with the big shots. These have included defence ministers, and even "Rafal" who, according to Schiff, still has a *Weltanschauung* dating back to the War of Independence, and whose favourite pastime consists of the aligned sights of a rifle.

Ze'ev will be back. Military correspondents do not fade away, they linger on and on. But I would have liked to know why three of this country's seasoned correspondents have taken leave of absence and a fourth has become a ministerial adviser. We now have a woman military correspondent, the country's first (Davar).

Eretz Hemdat brought us a wonderful hour on Shabbat, following the five o'clock oews. The subject was snakes. In case you didn't know, there are 32 different species in this country, most of them harmless — but I would follow the advice of our *hahamim* and "break in the head of the best of them."

The sages even permitted the killing of a snake in Eretz Yisrael on a Shabbat.

Our expert, Dr. Avraham Arbel, informed us that the glands of a single Palestinian viper (*ze'fa*) contain enough poison to kill 30 human beings. We are fortunate in having only 250 recorded instances of snake bites in the country last year, while the statistics for fatalities do not exceed one per year, compared to the King Cobra of India, Pakistan and Burma, which claims an average of 25,000 lives every year.

ANOTHER nice feature on Shabbat afternoon's Second Programme focused again on the Ben-Yehuda

family. Can you guess what the grand old man of the Hebrew language meant by a *yacobi*? Answer: a short jacket. Ben-Yehuda figured that the word "jacket" traced its origins back to some chap called Jacques, Ya'acov in Hebrew. *Ergo, yacobi*. A loog jacket would then, I presume, have been called a *yakobon* — but there is no record of this.

The most expensive word in the Hebrew language is one Ben-Yehuda didn't invent. We were told that when he visited Lionel de Rothschild to ask for a grant to help finance a new Hebrew dictionary, Rothschild promised him the money if Ben-Yehuda could come up with a Hebrew word for "sport." For once, the lexicographer's imagination failed him, and he lost the grant.

THIS WAS a lovely piece. So was a short item on last Sunday's Second Programme on everything you ever wanted to know about the common house fly. Everything, that is, except whether it falls into the category of "abominations" (Leviticus, chapter 11, verse 21-22: "All winged swarming things that go upon all fours...") I counted six legs on my local representatives of *muscidae*.

I think it is important that we should have a ruling on whether flies are kosher, or whether they belong to the types of crickets, grasshoppers, locusts and sundry insects we may (should we ever desire to) eat. Does swatting a fly render us unclean until midnight?

Somebody should also put in a good word for the days before the propellants in our insecticides started short-changing us oo ozone. I am all in favour of reviving the ancient art of fly-swatting.

I LIKE consistency. But *Behind the Headlines*, late Saturday night on the Second Programme, is not only predictable, it's a dead bore. Not worth sitting up for.

A friend indeed

By HENRIETTE BOAS / Post Amsterdam Correspondent



Christian B. Arriens (right) visiting the new Harlem Park near Beit Shemesh in 1978 with the mayor of the Dutch city, J. Ree Horst. (Rahamim Israeli)

recognized in Europe, is its instability, both as a whole and in terms of its various countries, which gained independence not more than 40 years ago. Europe, he claims, is mesmerized by one single aspect — the Arab-Israeli conflict — to the extent of neglecting all other conflicts.

It also forgets that the only thing which unites the Arab countries is their common hatred of Israel, and that the solution of the conflict with Israel would only cause them to attack each other the more.

Europe, Arriens says, is deluding itself by believing that a "comprehensive settlement" of the Arab-Israeli conflict would bring peace to the Middle East, and cites a number of serious conflicts between countries in the region, hardly any of which are connected with the existence or actions of Israel. Most of these countries, Arriens points out, have also suffered civil wars, revolutions, coups and political assassinations.

Other sources of unrest are the existence of several large minority groups, such as the Kurds and the

Armenians; the hatred between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims and the Middle East's oil riches, which are a stake in the power politics of outside countries.

Of course, Arriens continues, efforts to reduce tension between Israel and its neighbours deserve high priority. But just how much chance do Western efforts in this direction have of succeeding?

Every move to solve political problems must be subjected to three essential questions: whether the proposed solution is just; whether it is desirable and whether it can be realized. In practice, Arriens points out, peace can often be achieved only at the expense of justice.

Although a division of the territory of Mandatory Palestine into the State of Israel and a Palestinian state may appear to be the most just solution, this is not what the Palestinians themselves and the other Arab countries see as the final settlement of the Palestinian problem. Israel, Arriens notes, has been censured for expanding her territory as a result of war, but other countries have done the same, and with the connivance of the United Nations, which gave a higher priority to stability. He cites Indonesia moving into East Timor as an example.

Also, says the former ambassador, the "sacrosanct right to self-determination of every people on earth," now generally accepted by the West, certainly as regards the Palestinians, may in many cases be unrealistic, often even undesirable. The envisaged Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would certainly not be large enough to accept all those Palestinians who want to return or would be forced to return by countries which harbour them at present, such as Lebanon. Such a state, Arriens adds, would become a platform for irreconcilism.

Europe, Arriens therefore advises, would be well-advised to accept an interim solution for the time being. It should endorse completely the Camp David agreements together with the Reagan plan, instead of promoting an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza, for reasons of scarcely-concealed self-interest and/or unrealistic conception of the right of self-determination, thus hampering the efforts of the United States.

The former diplomat concludes by pointing out that growing impatience in Europe at the delay in achieving a comprehensive settlement and the fear that this might cause a world war has been increasingly directed against Israel — probably because Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is the most conspicuous element in the situation. The impression therefore exists that it is largely Israel's "stubbornness" that blocks the way to a solution.

The Arabs, says Arriens, have, with the exception of Egypt, refused to recognize Israel's existence for 35 years — and yet are not called "stubborn."

Since 1967 Europe has seen the Palestinians and not Israel as the "underdog" deserving of sympathy, losing sight of the fact that Israel is still surrounded by Arab countries bent on its destruction.

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ARAD  
— Route No. 388, Beersheba to Arad. Route inside Arad will be changed and pass through the Halamish Quarter. Route in direction of Beersheba remains unchanged.

Changes in Timetable:  
— Following route and timetable changes (coordinated with Shaar Hanegev Regional Council):  
Route No. 351, Tel Aviv — Beersheba will go via Saad, and Route No. 353, Tel Aviv — Beersheba will go via Mishan.  
Route No. 351: Departure 5.40 p.m. (not 5.45 p.m.) and passing through Michlelet Shaar Hanegev.  
Route No. 353: Departure from Tel Aviv, Sun.-Thur. 11.45 a.m. (not 12 noon) and 1.40 p.m. (not 1.45 p.m.).  
Saturday evening: Bus leaves Ruhama for Tel Aviv at 5.30 p.m. and goes via Dorot, Or Haner and Bror Hayil.  
Half Past Midnight, Eilat — Jerusalem Route: For details, see under Jerusalem Area.

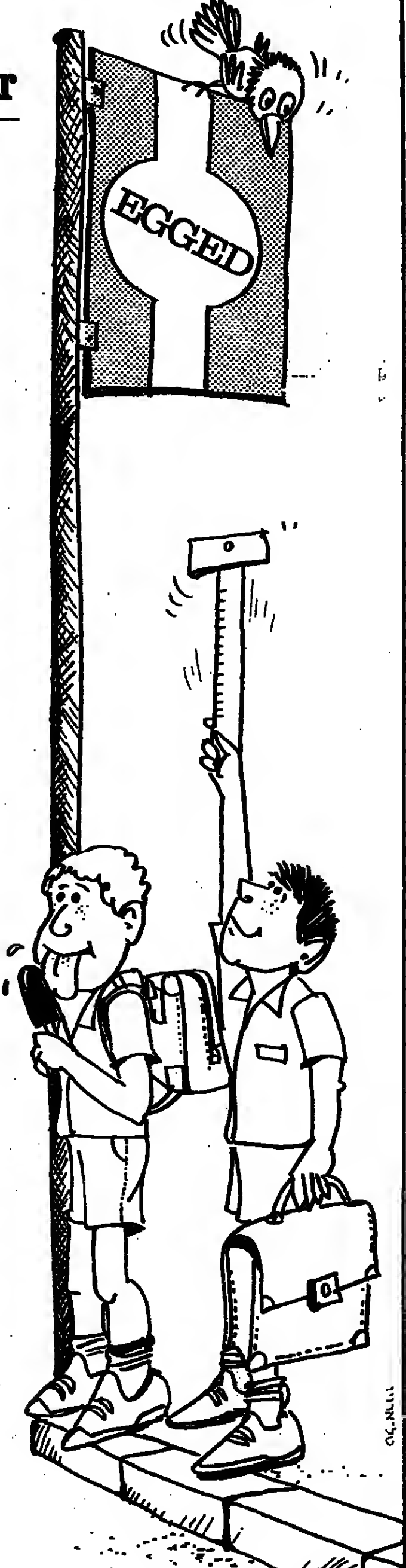
Reminder to Kiryat Gat Residents  
Egged wishes to remind all concerned of the No. 331 direct route, Tel Aviv — Kiryat Gat and return.  
Details and timetables at information bureaux and centres.

Jerusalem Area

— Half Past Midnight Route Jerusalem — Eilat  
Egged is pleased to announce the opening of the Half Past Midnight route Jerusalem — Eilat and return. Route during Sun.-Thur. and Saturday evening: Jerusalem, Malachi junction, Beersheba, Dimona, Arava highway, Eilat and return by same route.  
With the opening of the line, there will be changes in the Jerusalem — Eilat Route No. 444 timetable.  
Following are the new departure times from Jerusalem and Eilat: Sun.-Thur. — 7.10 a.m., 4 p.m. and the Half Past Midnight route at 12.30 a.m.

Route Changes  
— Routes Nos. 73, 74, 75 There are route changes on the Jerusalem — Maaleh Adumim run: Binyanei Ha'uma, Rehov Yafo, Rehov Hanevi'im, Rehov Straus, Rehov Yehezkel, Sderot Eshkol and then on regular route.  
— Departure time change for last bus to Maaleh Adumim, Sun.-Thur.: 12 midnight.  
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## Union Bank announces IS84.2b. balance sheet

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Union Bank of Israel Ltd., a member of the Bank Leumi Group and a major factor in the financing of exports of the Israeli diamond industry, yesterday announced results for the six-month period ending June 30, 1983. These indicated a balance sheet total of IS84.2 billion as compared with IS37.6b. a year ago and IS58.6b. on December 31, 1982.

The net profit came to IS370.3m. as compared with IS176.3m. a year ago. The net profit per share, on a fully diluted basis, came to 109%, as compared with 56% a year ago.

The bank's profit, taking into account adjustments for inflation, actually resulted in a loss of IS77.2m.

Union Bank's management points out that its balance sheet total continues to have a very high component of foreign currency. In view of the fact that the shekel was devalued by 97.3% against the dollar — which was considerably below the inflation of 137.9% — the balance sheet total should be viewed as having shown "considerable real gain."

Total deposits at the end of June were IS68.2b., reflecting an advance of 128% from year to year. For the same period of time, loans, including those extended to non-residents, grew by 263% and totalled IS25.8b.

The bank's shares, as of the end of June, traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange at a price earnings ratio of 12.3.

## American-Israel Paper Mills earns \$13.2m. in fiscal '83

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Tel Aviv Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — American Israel Paper Mills Ltd. has reported results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1983. Consolidated sales for the year reached \$110.7 million compared with fiscal 1982 sales of \$105.9m. Consolidated net earnings for fiscal 1983 were \$13.2m., equal to \$4.01 per share, compared to last year's net income of \$5.8m. or \$1.88 per share. Sales of paper and board in fiscal 1983 reached 116,825 tons, as compared with 121,344 tons last year, a decline of four per cent.

In a review of the results, management stated that the depressed condition of the world market had an adverse effect on the paper industry. The international economic recession and a slow down in the devaluation of various

European currencies encouraged the increased import of basic papers into Israel at dumping prices. This resulted in a considerable decrease in the company's sales volume, especially of the woodfree grades. In order to combat these imports and to maintain its position in the Israeli market, the company adopted strong measures aimed at adapting its activities to market conditions and achieving greater efficiency, management said.

The subsidiary companies, attained a high level of achievement in their operations, by increasing output and raising sales volume, which led to a greater contribution to the company's profitability. The percentage of finished products in the sales mix, with their higher added value, increased, and the percentage of basic papers decreased, reflecting the new purchasing habits of the Israeli consumer as evidenced by the successful introduction of "Titulim" disposable panty diapers by the "Hogla" subsidiary.

Renewed investment was made at an accelerated rate with a view to implementing projects within the scope of long-range programmes. The main projects were:

The establishment in the Hadera plant of a paper coating line for high grade litho-printing and carbonless copy paper that will supply anticipated future demand for these grades, which are imported at present. This line is expected to become operational at the beginning of 1984 and the company believes that it will initially contribute additional sales volume of approximately \$5-7 million per year.

The start-up and operation of an additional production line in the Afula plant which doubles the production and marketing capacity of the "Titulim" disposable panty diapers took place in May 1983.

The acquisition of the assets of the Leika Company in Ashdod with a production capacity for the manufacture of 5,000 tons of household papers per year.

The purchase of equipment and facilities to expand waste paper collection by subsidiary Amnir Ltd. and to widen the utilization of secondary fibres by the company and its subsidiaries.

Expansion of existing equipment systems to raise production and to achieve product uniformity in the Hadera, Mottet and Shapir plants.

The board of directors decided to retain earnings and not to distribute dividends this year. This will allow use of these funds to meet capital requirements during the transition period until the economic situation stabilizes.

## Koor's industrial exports rise 5%

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Industrial exports by Koor increased by five per cent in dollar terms during 1982 to stand at \$466 million. This was despite a general drop in Israel's industrial exports during the same year, Yeshayahu Gavish, director-general of the complex, said yesterday, in revealing the group's financial statements. He noted, however, that local sales increased by only about one per cent last year, for a total increase (both exports and the local market) of about three per cent.

"On the basis of the first half of the current year, we do not expect any great changes," he said, adding however, "industrial exports were up by 16 per cent in these six months — but we have no guarantee that the same rate of growth will continue throughout the rest of the current year."

Gavish did not think that the latest changes in the government's economic policy — those already executed like the 7.5 per cent devaluation, and those planned — would have any great effect on Koor's activities. Nor would it bring renewed growth to the country's economic potential or its exports, nor an improvement in the balance of payments, or a taming of the inflationary spiral, he said. N.P. Gavish noted that for the first time the Koor group had drawn up three "comparative balance sheets" — one



Yeshayahu Gavish (M. Dekel)

in nominal (inflationary) terms, one adjusted for inflation — in line with Recommendation 23 of the Chamber of Certified Public Accounts — and one in dollars — the latter mainly for our foreign customers."

Total sales for the Koor group in 1982 were \$1,893m. (a three per cent increase, as noted). Profits before tax were \$117m., up 34 per cent; net profits were \$43m., up twelve per cent; investments were \$142m., up 37 per cent. "The largest growth was in income tax. If we paid \$18m. in 1981, we paid \$34m. last year — a jump of 89 per cent in dollars terms," Gavish said.

Gavish gave credit for Koor's rise in exports — which is considerable in the light of the country's general decrease — to the fact that "the internal composition of our products is changing." For example, electricity and electronic items constituted 30 per cent of all output in 1982; metals and steel constituted 22 per cent; while

chemicals and rubber were 18 per cent; processed foods and consumer goods were only 16 per cent, and minerals and miscellaneous made up the remaining 14 per cent.

Tadiran (electronics) was Koor's largest exporter in 1982 with \$157m., followed by Soltam (metals and security items) with \$59.7m.; Makhtashim (chemicals and pesticides) had \$51.5m. ("Makhtashim is again making a profit after several bad years"); Agan Chemicals with \$48m., and Alliance (Tires) with \$38.7m.

Gavish said that Koor paid its workers about 15 per cent above "workers in comparative plants." The average Koor employee made IS24,500 a month in 1982, compared to the national average of IS16,400. However, he admitted that "this comparison is misleading, for we concentrate on high technology goods; for example, we don't have even one textile plant where wages are quite low."

Koor employed 31,314 persons at the end of 1982, compared to 30,625 at the end of 1981 and 28,300 at the end of 1980.

About 40 per cent of Koor's exports were based on the company's own research and development. The concern spent 2.5 per cent of its turnover on R & D. But the percentage rose to 6.5 per cent in electronics and was 3.5 per cent in chemicals. Consequently, the percentage in all other fields was below the average of 2.5 per cent.

## Traffic up on Lufthansa's Germany-Israel lines

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Traffic on Lufthansa's West Germany-Israel line in the first half of this year was 56,800 passengers, an increase of 39.4 per cent over the same period in 1982.

The flow from Tel Aviv to Frankfurt was 28,980, an increase of 35.7 per cent, the airline's spokesman said. The increase in

passengers coming here via Lufthansa from Germany was even greater, a startling 43.6 per cent, as 27,800 people used the German national carrier.

"We feel that there is a comeback of German tourism to Israel," the spokesman, Yitzhak Zaroni, said. It is to be hoped that this week's visit of Chancellor Helmut Kohl will give a further boost to this development, he added.

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### Offer for Lease of Area for Association Construction in the Ramot 03 Quarter, Jerusalem Tender No. JM/83/56

A. Pursuant to the press notice calling for the Associations organization, for the purpose of participation in the draw for the Build Your Home areas in the Ramot 03 Quarter in Jerusalem, the Lands Administration hereby invites Association members to take part in the draw as outlined hereunder:

No. of plots	Municipal building plan	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total housing units to be built	Development costs (IS)*	Capitalized land values (IS)
1-8	3054	14,685	67	56,784,586	61,881,800

- \*1. As per July 1983 building input index, to be updated to date of actual payment.
- 2. To be paid separately to the Arim firm in accordance with the company's usual credit conditions.
- B. Deposit: IS 2,000,000.
- C. Only duly registered Associations may participate in the draw.
- D. Applications accompanied by the deposit and a legally authorized Associations list, should be submitted to the Lands Administration Transactions Unit, 34 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, 12th floor, during regular working hours, by 12 noon, September 30, 1983.
- E. The plot draw will be held at the above Lands Administration office on October 7, 1983 at 8.30 a.m.
- F. Applications not submitted as indicated for any reason whatsoever, will not participate in the draw.
- G. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept any application.

### Offer for Lease of Plot for Saturated Construction on Rehov Graetz, Jerusalem Tender No. JM/83/52

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for a development contract, details of which at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Block no.	Parcel portion	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Shoreys	Total building %	Minimum required (IS)	Deposit (IS)
30187	91	1178	3	76.6	32,486,000	1,500,000

In accordance with Municipal Building Plan 2878, Special 1 Residential area, total licensed area, 902.34 sq.m. Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Jerusalem district office, 34 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, 12th floor, Tel. 224121, during regular working hours. Deadline for submitting tender bids is 12 noon on September 26, 1983. Bids not in the tender post box by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any bid.

### Offer for Lease of 3 Plots for Saturated Construction at Kiryat Gat

The Israel Lands Administration invites bids for a development contract for the plots, details of which at the time of publication of the tender, were as follows:

Tender no.	Municipal building plan no.	Plot	Approx. area (sq.m.)	Total housing units to be built	Development costs (IS)*	Minimum required (IS)	Deposit (IS)
JM/83/53	1/108/03/9	44	4380	128	14,618,439	15,098,000	750,000
JM/83/54	"	45	11,550	180	20,998,744	32,838,000	1,840,000
JM/83/55	"	46	6950	128	14,828,538	23,025,000	1,150,000

\* Linked to July 1983 index and to be paid separately to the Ministry of Construction and Housing. Details, sample contracts and bid forms are available at our Jerusalem district office, 34 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, 12th floor, Tel. 224121, during regular working hours. Deadline for submitting tender bids is 12 noon on September 26, 1983. Bids not in the tender post box by the above time for any reason whatsoever, will not be considered. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any bid.

### Build Your Home Plots in Ashkelon Neve Yam Quarter Remaining Plots

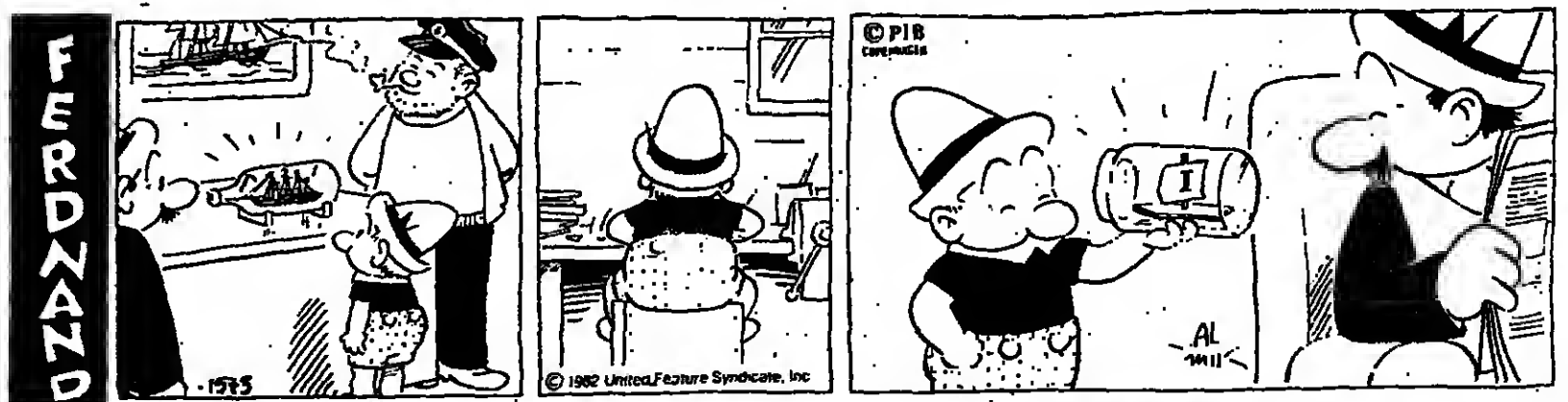
Eighteen one-family and nine two-family plots still remain in the framework of the Build Your Home plans as published in the press. The plots will be allocated to the public on the basis of updated land value and development costs. Other details and conditions are available at the Lands Administration office, Jerusalem district, 34 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, 12th floor, Tel. 224121.

The plots will be allocated from Sunday, September 4, 1983 at 10 a.m. A draw will be held among those present at the time indicated as the beginning of registration.

At the time of registration, to be conducted in the Administration office, a IS 50,000 deposit must be made by bank cheque, payable to the Lands Administration. The deposit will be considered a down payment on the leasing fees.

### Cancellation of Build Your Home Scheme in Kfar Sava — Kaplan Quarter/Mechnen A

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- ACROSS**

3 An excavation of tremendous value potentially (4,4)

9 A sick-benefit prescription? (6)

10 Every penny Capone left? (5)

11 Anguished by events, Ida's gone astray (8)

12 A labyrinth of mines in the heart of Picardy (6)

13 All the surer now entrusted with a secret? (5, 10)

15 Top-ranking army man who may have to deal with race problems (7)

18 One to know about the vegetation the Scottish outlaw took to (7)

21 Regretfully is in sympathy with the object? (5, 5, 3, 2)

24 Artistically furnished drawing-room? (8)

25 Curiously resinous state of over-anxiety (8)

26 I put in at a small island (3)

27 Amorous young Victorian hero about to turn in (6)

28 They would doubtless feel insulted if offered a penny for their thoughts? (5, 5)

**DOWN**

1 Kipling hero who led a wild life as a youngster (6)

2 Measures poem about Danish seaport (6)

3 Luxury rail travel for a top-grade instructor? (5, 5, 5)

4 Blackbird university man of revolutionary tastes swallowing a gin cocktail (7)

5 What a family gathering should be if nobody kicks up a rumpus? (10, 5)

6 Clearly not a visitor I'd outwardly object to (8)

7 The point about an upstanding pencil composition? (8)

14 Five British gunners turning up to name a French territorial division (3)

16 Drink to a Conservative dependent on the throw of the dice? (6)

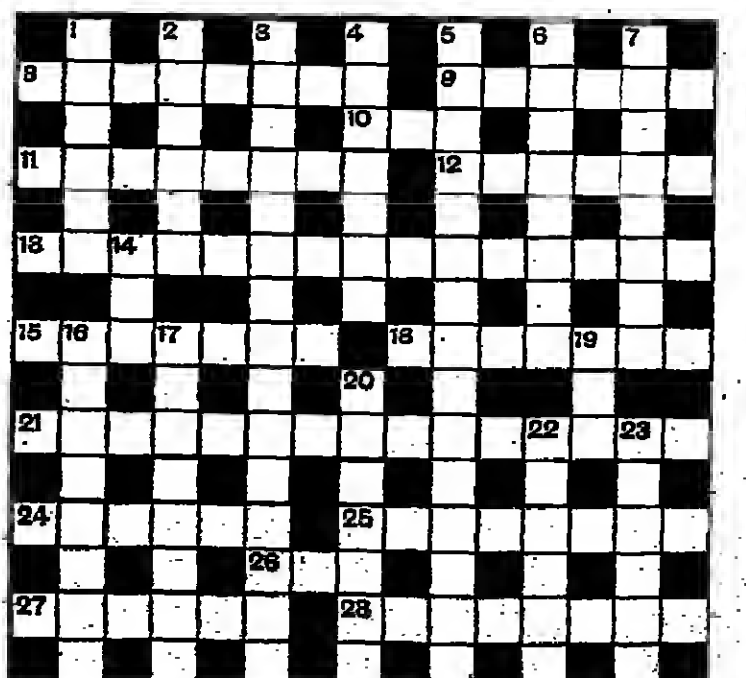
17 Cover it in Chinese sauce—it will disappear when the butter's melted? (8)

19 The lady's aspiration to be queen (5)

20 Wildly excited, it turns in (5)

22 The musician I clothed with new boots (6)

23 I'm about to stay in the same place (6)



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## Mr. Begin's callous cajolers

LIKE a disorderly gang that suddenly discover they really cannot do without the charismatic father-figure of the leader whose authority they earlier spurned, coalition bigwigs yesterday kept up pressure on Menachem Begin not to desert them by resigning from the premiership. Now they are ready and willing to close ranks and follow him through fire and water. Or so they say.

Whether out of courtesy or because he had heard something that was worth examining, Mr. Begin agreed to put off his final response to the eager pleas until today. This did not necessarily imply that he might reverse himself, and some confident claimed he definitely would not; but the possibility could not entirely be ruled out. True, the premier's announcement at the cabinet meeting on Sunday that he meant to step down had not been designed as a mere tactical exercise. But still...

The self-serving politicians who vied with one another all day yesterday in pledging undying fealty to the chief were in fact rendering a disservice to Mr. Begin. They must have known as well as anyone in this country that the premier's instinct was absolutely right. And if they were honest, they would admit that if Mr. Begin succumbed to their pressure, within a few weeks they would be as disruptive as ever, hounding the fatigued premier as before.

There were some serious flaws which caused Mr. Begin considerable aggravation in the performance of his first administration, between 1977 and 1981. But these were child's play compared to his more recent frustrations. Worn down by the tragic (as he has himself called it) war in Lebanon, appalled by an economy that is constantly being run into the ground, and appalled as well by some of his fellows at the Cabinet table, Mr. Begin also came to acknowledge that he lacked the vigour required to properly lead his team of ministers in managing the affairs of state.

His conclusion apparently was that, if the Likud-led coalition was to save itself, it had to do so by pulling itself up by its own bootstraps. It could not indefinitely rely on the supposedly magical powers of Menachem Begin to bail it out.

Mr. Begin's departure need not spell the end of Likud rule. Indeed it would only be right for the present governing party to lead the country until the next election, which cannot now be very far off. Convention, it is true, suggests that the president, after due consultation, invite the leader of the largest Knesset faction to form a new government. The largest parliamentary faction today is the Alignment.

But the convention should not apply if the present coalition holds together and promises to command a majority.

Without Mr. Begin at the helm, the coalition may, of course, become wobbly, despite pledges by the smaller parties to stay with Mr. Begin's successor. This could be the Alignment's chance to coax some coalition allies into partnership with it. Sheer self-interest, however, may dictate the Alignment's abstention from a course of action which would inevitably be paved with unseemly political deals and would not produce a stable government.

If the Alignment wishes to offer the electorate a clear-cut choice of policy alternatives, it must see to it that its own distinctive political character and direction are preserved.

The temptation for Labour will be strong, after six years out of power, but it is in any case doubtful whether the opportunity will offer itself. If Mr. Begin does resign, his successor is most likely to be someone approved by the premier himself from among his Herut entourage — someone like the foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir. It will then be his mission to try to straighten out the mess created by the second Likud administration.

How well that mission will have been accomplished is something that the people, in their majesty, will be called upon to judge at the polls next time.

POWER NOT ONLY corrupts; it besots.

It takes a certain greatness of spirit to know when to relinquish it; a greatness that many national leaders are often woefully lacking when it comes their time to leave the helm.

The better side of Menachem Begin's nature deserves a vote of gratitude for that greatness of spirit which led him to announce to his stunned cabinet of political coat-tail hangers, that he intended to resign. For Menachem Begin knows better than all of us professional Begin-watchers that he no longer has what it takes to be prime minister of this beleaguered nation-in-the-making, Israel.

To be sure, there is an outside possibility that another side of Begin's nature may yet succumb to the blandishments of his underlings to continue as prime minister, or at the very least, as head of a caretaker cabinet that would rule Israel for the next 6-8 months until a new government can be formed after elections.

As an inveterate opponent of much of what Menachem Begin stands for in both ideology and policy, I rather think that the better, more responsible side of his nature will win out. Of all of Israel's prime ministers, he has been the most outstanding in paying unpoliticized-like attention to actually doing what he said he was going to do.

Begin's media adviser, Uri Porat, delivered himself yesterday of a gem. "Mr. Begin," he said, "did not resign. He merely informed the cabinet of his intention to resign. That doesn't mean that he's going to resign."

That was worthy of the late Labour prime minister Levi Eshkol (the very man who bestowed legitimacy on Begin as an occasional leader by taking him into his national unity government on the

# VOTE OF THANKS

By YOSEF GOELL

eve of the Six Day War in 1967) who was famed for his motto: "Sure I promised; but I never promised to keep my promise."

But it was not worthy of Porat's master, Menachem Begin, who has always had a much higher regard for the value of his word once given, often much to the sorrow and chagrin of his opponents.

THERE ARE THOSE who would claim that the straw that broke the camel's back, in regard to the timing of Begin's step, was the persistent malfunctioning of his cabinet in the recent weeks of debate on the piling of the budget. There is reason to believe that this is only half true.

The Begin government began malfunctioning from Day One in July of 1977. It was Begin himself who often spoke sadly in those days of the *kiklulim*, the breakdowns, in his cabinet and of the unsightly squabbling of his ministers, in the tones of a sad but understanding father chiding his children. Despite his best intentions, he never did fix those *kiklulim*.

He was not the sort of politician who cared about the day-to-day workings of the mechanism. He had his eyes firmly fixed, not so much on the big picture, as on the one point which he assumed was the nub around which the big picture rotated: the firm, secure and irreversible establishment of a Greater Israel.

He thus paid no attention to the successive economic catastrophes created by his political henchmen, Simha Ehrlich and Yoram Aridor;

not as long as they did not impinge on the steady unfolding of that central vision.

The *kiklulim* of the first Begin government often revolved around clashes between the strong personalities of men like Moshe Dayan, Ezer Weizman, Yigael Yadin and Shmuel Tamir. They became worse in the second Begin government, and more petty, because they expressed the clashes of the petty men who remained to populate that cabinet.

But even that did not bring on the decline which led to Begin's announcement earlier this week. The process began with Begin's own personal decline.

SINCE I INTERVIEWED him on the eve of the 1977 elections, Begin did not grant any further interviews to *The Jerusalem Post*. We might have been led to interpret that as a personal slight were it not for the fact that Begin, who fancied himself a journalist in his Opposition days, treated the Hebrew press, from right to left, in the same manner.

Professional Begin-watchers in the media were thus reduced to making judgements on the prime minister's performance and functioning on the basis of indirect evidence.

For me that indirect evidence began to pile up two years ago with the establishment of the second Begin government. One major item concerned Begin himself, others, which began to assert themselves half a year later, concerned his intimate political colleagues.

Even his most convinced political

enemies will readily admit that Begin's entire life has been devoted to his vision of an Israel reborn. As prime minister, he proved at first gratifyingly and excruciatingly careful about his stewardship of the Israel that was entrusted to his hands for safekeeping. His decline began when his judgement started to go wrong on the very matter that was so close to his heart.

That does not date from the opening of the war in Lebanon a year ago June but from Begin's desertion of the diktats of his own better judgement in the appointment a year earlier of the man responsible for that ill-conceived war, Ari Sharon.

It was Menachem Begin who intentionally kept Sharon from the Ministry of Defence, which he so coveted, when he first became prime minister in 1977. Again, he prevented Sharon from taking over defence when Ezer Weizman resigned some three years ago. Reversing himself and making Sharon defence czar in July 1981 was a critical lapse in judgement that Begin was to rue again and again — and the country with him — in the past year and more.

FURTHER SIGNS of Begin's decline and malfunctioning continued to pile up: the admission at the time of the Sabra and Shatila massacre that he, the prime minister, was not informed of events in Lebanon, and learned of those events in Beirut from a Saturday afternoon broadcast by the BBC; the damning testimony before the Kahan commission that provided

additional evidence to back up that first inadvertent admission; and, finally the funk into which he declined for the better part of the past year.

A year and a half ago, the struggle for the succession broke out into the open with second-level Begin politicians lining up behind Shamir, Sharon, Aridor and David Levy, respectively, in full sight of the prime minister, who was the "victim" to be succeeded. The Begin of the good old days, who was a benign autocrat in the party he had created, would have slapped down such *lese majeste* by the very men who are today fawning upon him not to desert them. That is what he did to Shmuel Tamir in 1966 and to Ezer Weizman in 1972. But this time he did not move.

In recent weeks, Begin, that ever astute politician and connoisseur of power, could not have failed to notice that his ministers were voting down the few matters of economic policy on which he had bothered to take a personal stand.

That I believe was the final straw. But it came on top of a full mound of straw that had accumulated over the past two years.

In other countries, great countries — the U.S. of presidents Wilson and Roosevelt, the Britain of Churchill, the France of Pompidou — people found themselves being governed by cabals of underlings around leaders who were too senile or too ill to be able to function at all.

In Israel we are indeed lucky to have in Begin a leader who has his wits about him sufficiently to realize his own limitations and to possess the sense of responsibility to let go while he can for the good of the country he loves.

For which we all owe him a vote of thanks.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### SLAUGHTER ON THE ROADS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I want to congratulate you on your excellent editorial, "Death stalks the roads," which appeared in your newspaper on August 18.

I fully agree with you that "most accidents are due to human frailty, not to mechanical faults." When I see how drivers speed along the roads of Jerusalem, my wonder is that there are not more people killed and maimed. And invariably I say to myself, where are the traffic police? Why don't they stop these reckless drivers who are such a menace on the road? Why don't they revoke their licences or put them behind bars?

Once and for all, something drastic needs to be done to put an end to this killing. I don't think public opinion is sufficiently aroused. When a soldier is killed in Lebanon, there is a public outcry, but when three soldiers are killed in a single traffic accident, the news is received nonchalantly.

We have had all kinds of demonstrations in recent times. How about organizing a demonstration against reckless motorists who are actual and potential killers?

If new legislation is needed to put an end to this slaughter of innocent people, then let us have new legislation. But for Heaven's sake, let us not sit back and do nothing.

ROBERT HYMAN J. ROUTTENBERG  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — A few days ago, there was a terrible traffic accident in which three people were burned to death and a fourth was killed. The accident occurred, like so many others, on one of the 13 particularly dangerous stretches of road earmarked for improvement and widening and for which no funds have been available for years. In view of the present wave of budget cuts, the necessary funds will certainly not be found now and these dangerous roads will continue to claim their victims.

However, Israel finds the money to improve and widen roads — beyond its borders. In the framework of the army's withdrawal to the Awa line, the IDF is widening and improving dozens of roads in Southern Lebanon and laying many new ones. In the course of the cabinet's lengthy discussions on budget cuts, not one minister protested against this absurd state of affairs.

How many more victims do we have to mourn, both soldiers in the Lebanon and passengers on Israel's roads, before the government decides to use the country's resources for the good of its citizens instead of for crazy adventures?

Why don't the people of Israel turn out in the thousands to demonstrate against this flagrant injustice?

TEL AVIV. DALIA BECKER

### HEBRON MURDERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — David Richardson lapsed into some confused thinking, giving credibility to anti-Israel propaganda abroad in his article "An absence of answers" (August 5). He stated that, following the attack on the Islamic Hebron University, several settlers, "admitted reluctantly that any objective analysis of the shooting had to conclude the most likely suspects were fanatical Israelis."

Earlier he stated that "not a shred of evidence had emerged" to give credibility to the possibility that the attack was the work of Arab agents provocateurs. Equally, there is not a shred of evidence to presume that the killing was the work of Jews.

It is true that some Jews, based solely on motivation, have speculated that the atrocity was a revenge killing by Jewish extremists for the stabbing of a Jewish religious student; but why should extremists go to the trouble of disguising themselves with Russian weapons and Arab headgear, and thus cast doubt that the attack was by Jews intent

as a reprisal? To be objective, the possibility must be considered not only that the killing was perpetrated by Arab agents provocateurs, but by a PLO faction with a history of hostility to the Islamic University dominated by the pro-Hashemite Ja'abari clan.

In an article in *The Times* (London) "Living with hate in Hebron," Christopher Walker reported that the attack on Hebron University "is widely believed to have been perpetrated by extreme Jews" (July 29). Christopher Walker, as your reporter, pointed out that the investigation into the attack on the Arab mayors in the West Bank has not yet resulted in any prosecutions. Both reporters neglected to point out that the investigation into the stabbing of Aharon Gross has not yet resulted in a prosecution. Investigation cannot assure the apprehension of all criminals; no matter how conscientiously carried out.

DANIEL GRUENBERG  
Hampton Hill, England.

### ISRAELI SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Your correspondent Mark Segal reports (August 19) that Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron snorted "We get much less than ministers in other countries" when M.K. Mordechai Virshupski rightly challenged the wisdom of a

52 per cent salary increase to the ministers.

May I humbly ask Mrs. Doron if she really believes ministers are the only people in Israel who get much less than their colleagues in other countries.

TEL AVIV. ASHER MIBASHAN

### U.S. SUPPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As an American Republican candidate for Congress I believe thousands of years of biblical history must cause American political leaders finally to recognize that current American foreign policy necessitates full American backing for the nation of Israel.

The United States must maintain an independent foreign policy which believes its friends go astray. However, the survivable interests of the United States and Israel require constant vigilance by each nation for the mutual security interests each other.

Israel, for biblical and militia reasons, requires that the United States be a constant, secure and unbending friend. The United States should expect reciprocity from Israel.

JOHN D. KUIKI  
Ontario, California.

### UNWARRANTED ATTACK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Murray Greenfield cowardly attack on Nahum Gemann (Letters, August 24) is all more deplorable as Dr. Goldin, one of the really great Jewish leaders — can no longer defend himself.

MENACHEM GOL  
Haifa.

## NON-COMMITTAL

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House. He urged Begin "to forget about the political splinters and devote energy to forming a national unity government, which the country needs most at the present time."

Early elections predestined as a problem for the coalition as they do for the opposition. Although all the factions assert publicly that they want elections or are ready for elections, they are all apprehensive of the outcome.

The smaller factions by and large are the most nervous at this contingency.

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman of the Tehiya Party made the boldest statement yesterday about a possible post-Begin coalition, by asserting that Tehiya would not join a Likud coalition if Ezer Weizman served in the cabinet. Ne'eman said that with Weizman in the cabinet, the policy gap between the Likud and the Alignment would be simply a matter of nuance.

The National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael and Tami stated yesterday that they would continue to support a coalition with the Likud even if Begin resigns, although it was not clear if these parties would try to use the opportunity to revise the terms of the coalition agreement.

Some NRP leaders, for example, said that their party should continue in the government only if a national unity government was formed. Begin plans to meet this morning with NRP leader Interior Minister Yosef Burg when he returns from abroad.

Tami leader Aharon Abutzeira pledged his fealty to a Likud coalition led by Begin and he attempted to smooth over the strident objections voiced recently by Uzan to remaining in a Likud cabinet.

But even in the Likud, several MKs realize that by raising their hands for the legislation required to hold an early election (which needs votes in the 120-man Knesset) may be signing their own

political death-warrants, since they are unsure of their chances of being placed on the electoral list by their parties.

Statistics show that most lists switch between 25 and 40 per cent of their members between one election and another.

The Likud Knesset faction convened yesterday to discuss ways and means of getting the prime minister to change his mind.

A number of speakers echoed the admonition of Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori to Begin earlier in the day, that he would be making a personal error as well as causing political harm, if he stepped aside while the situation in Lebanon is still as hazardous as it is.

The faction agreed to send a delegation to Begin's residence to convey an urgent appeal to him, to stay at his post for the sake of the development of Judea and Samaria, among other reasons.

The Herut faction was represented by Ronnie Milo and Eitan Livni; the Liberals by Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron, Ariel Weinstein and Yehuda Perali; La'am was represented by Ehud Olmert.

Milo said afterwards that Begin would summon the coalition leaders this morning to give them his decision.

Late last night an inside source to Herut said the party's central committee would be summoned within 48 hours of Begin's resignation if he indeed resigns. The source said three candidates would put their names up to head the next coalition cabinet: Shamir, Levy and Sharon. The source said Levy has a better chance than Shamir in the central committee, while Sharon is running well behind the other two.

However, another source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Shamir would be selected to replace Begin, if Begin resigned, without the commotion entailed in convening the central committee.

This source said the Likud would not like to risk elections at the present juncture.

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